

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data editing apparatus comprising:
a storage section, including: (i) a first folder to store
audio data and image data that is linked to a playback position
of the audio data, and (ii) a second folder to store only image
5 data and no audio data;

link release means for canceling the link between the audio
data and the image data linked therewith which are stored in the
first folder; and

10 moving means for automatically moving the image data, from
which the link is canceled, from the first folder to the second
folder when the link is canceled by the link release means, such
that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer
stored in the first folder.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising:

5 inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image
data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as
the image data to be moved is already stored in the second
folder.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to a playback position of the audio data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto are stored in a first folder in a memory of the computer, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

canceling the link between the audio data and the corresponding image data stored in the first folder; and

automatically moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first folder to a second folder in the memory of the computer when the link is canceled, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first folder;

wherein only image data, which is not linked to the audio data in the first folder, and no audio data, is stored in the second folder.

5. (Previously Presented) The data editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

audio data selecting means for selecting a target audio data to be subjected to link addition in an audio data list display area;

means for selecting image data to be linked with the selected audio data from among the image data stored in the second folder;

means for linking the selected audio data with the selected image data and copying the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder; and

means for, after the copying of the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder, deleting the selected image data from the second folder.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~claims~~ claim 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying an editing window that includes a first display area for displaying a list of audio data stored in the first folder such that the audio data is selectable, a second display area for displaying a list of image data stored in the second folder, and a third display area for displaying a list of image data that is linked to audio data that has been selected from the list of audio data displayed in the first display area,

10 wherein the link release means cancels the link between the
audio data and the image data linked therewith which are stored
in the first folder, in response to an operation on the editing
window.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium
having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable
by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image
data linked to a playback position of the audio data, the program
5 being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute
functions comprising:

 displaying on a display of the computer an editing window
that includes: (i) a first display area for displaying a list of
audio data that is stored in a first folder in a memory of the
10 computer, such that the audio data is selectable, (ii) a second
display area for displaying a list of image data that is not
linked to the audio data, the image data that is not linked to
the audio data being stored in a second folder in the memory that
is different from the first folder, and (iii) a third display
15 area for displaying a list of image data that is linked to audio
data that has been selected from the list of audio data displayed
in the first display area, the image data that is linked to the
audio data being stored in the first folder;

canceling the link between the audio data and the
20 corresponding image data stored in the first folder, in response
to an operation on the editing window; and

automatically moving the image data, from which the link is
canceled, from the first folder to the second folder when the
link is canceled.